

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2016; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Public Information Open House Meeting

**Alvo Fire Station, Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad Meeting Room
135 Main Street, Alvo, Nebraska**

STP-63-2(108) ALVO NORTH; CN 11450

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed improvement of Nebraska Highway 63 (N-63) in Cass County. The meeting will be held at Alvo Fire Station – Fire Department and Rescue Squad Meeting Room, 135 Main Street in Alvo, on Thurs., June 16th, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Identified as **Alvo North**, the proposed project would replace the existing asphalt pavement with doweled concrete pavement on a shifted alignment for approximately 6.29 miles, which includes 0.14 miles of shoulder work on N-63, beginning just south of the northern corporate limits of the Village of Alvo, at mile marker (MM) 4.20, and extending north to MM 10.49, approximately 0.32 miles south of the Interstate 80 (I-80) and N-63 interchange. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this proposed project is to improve the reliability of the transportation system, perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public, and bring the existing roadway up to current design standards. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the roadway and recent inspections showing that the pavement distresses require reconstruction. Also, the existing roadway does not meet current geometric standards for cross-section, sight distances, grades, shoulder widths, and ditches. Improvements to the existing roadway profile and cross section are needed and would require a wider footprint for the new highway. The adjustments to the roadway profile would improve sight distances at drives and intersections. Widening the shoulders and flattening the side slopes would provide a lateral recover area for errant vehicles. Modifications to the ditches would improve drainage.

The planned construction would consist of reconstructing N-63 with a new vertical and horizontal alignment that would meet current design standards, and would include removing the existing pavement and reconstructing with doweled concrete pavement. The alignment of N-63 would be shifted to the west or east of the existing highway centerline at various locations along the project. Alignment shift would occur to minimize impacts to streams, wetlands, homes, and two cemeteries. The proposed project would consist of two 12-foot-wide driving lanes and 8-foot-wide shoulders, of which two feet would be surfaced. Additional improvements include constructing the roadway to current design standards to improve sight distance at drives and intersections, building flattened side slopes, widening to provide more shoulder width and drainage, grading, and culvert work to accommodate the new construction.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights from adjacent landowners, which includes new right-of-way (ROW), permanent easements (PE), and temporary easements (TE), for construction throughout the project area. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated onsite and at a local wetlands bank. Other potential impacts include traffic delays and detour due to construction, acquisition of additional property rights from adjacent landowners, and temporary disruption of cemetery access during construction.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2017 with completion by fall of 2018. The proposed project would be constructed in two phases and would require detouring N-63 traffic. A designated detour would be provided, utilizing U.S. Highway 34 (US-34), Nebraska Highway 50 (N-50), Nebraska Highway 66 (N-66), and I-80. Phase 1 would begin in spring of 2017 and take approximately one construction season. It is anticipated that work would begin on the south end, just north of Alvo, and extend to a point south of Church Road. The detour would be temporarily lifted during the winter of 2017 and put back in place in the spring of 2018 to begin work on Phase 2. Work would begin a point south of Church Road to the end of the project, just south of the I-80 Interchange, and would be complete by fall of 2018. During the 2018 construction season (Phase 2) the already completed south portion of the highway would be made available to local traffic.

Details will be available at the public meeting. Traffic on Church Road would be maintained for eastbound and westbound movements during construction.

This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the proposed project, currently in the design phase, and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel and leave as they wish.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by June 6, 2016. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through July 1, 2016. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Manager, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402)479-4871; fax (402)479-3989.

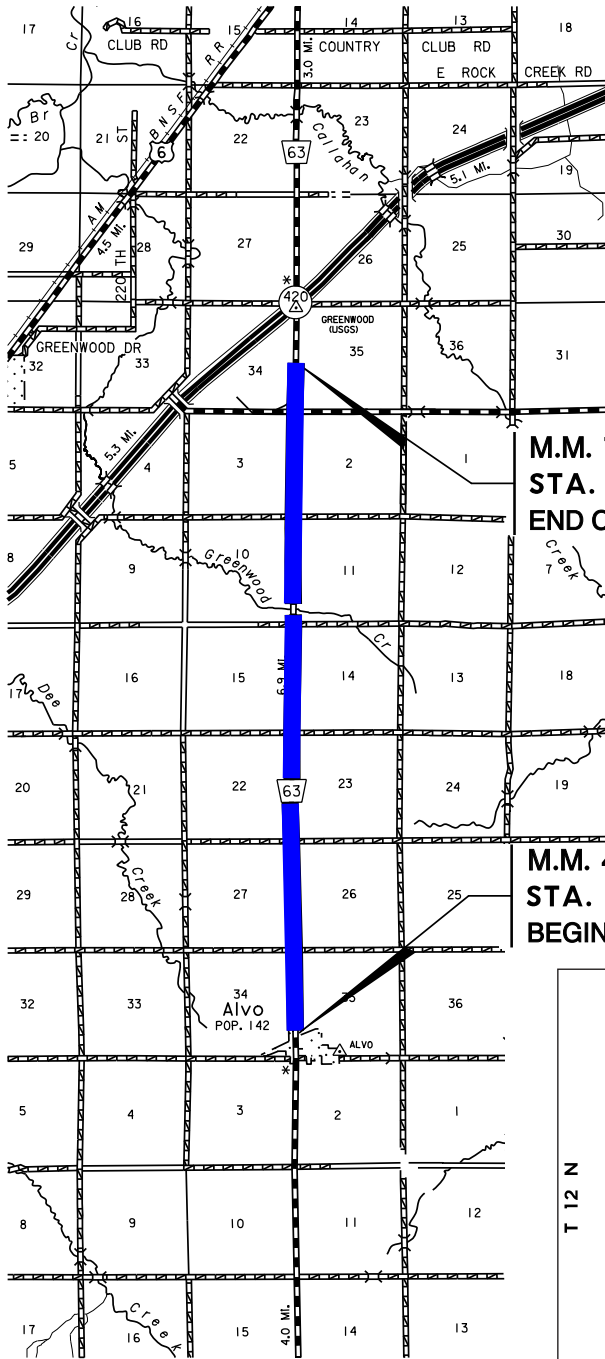
Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/ by clicking on the "Alvo North" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Tom Goodbarn, NDOR District One Engineer, (402)471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov.

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STA. 832+39.30
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M.M. 4.20 HWY. N-63
STA. 500+00.00
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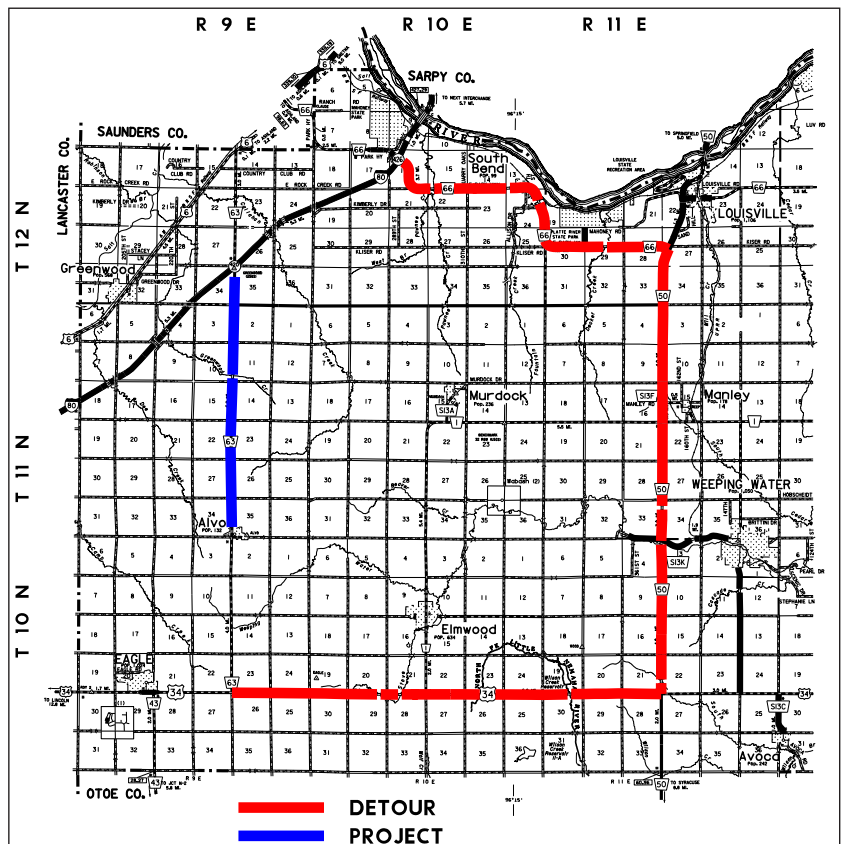
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